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SUBJ: GOT ATTITUDE ON ATHENS ROUND FIR NEGOTIATIONS

REF A) ATHENS 5630, B) ATHENS 5669 (NOTAL)

1. MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SOYLEMEZ, THE HEAD OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION IN THE FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE, TOLD EMBOFFS JULY 31 THAT THE ATHENS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN QUITE PRODUCTIVE AND ONLY SMALL, ALBEIT SIGNIFICANT, POINTS REMAINED TO BE CLEARED UP. HE BELIEVED THESE POINTS (WHICH HE DID NOT SPECIFY, BUT WHICH MAY BE ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN PARA 4, REF A) MIGHT BE SETTLED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA AND MAKE A SEPTEMBER ROUND IN ISTANBUL UNNECESSARY.

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2. SOYLEMEZ WAS QUITE OPTIMISTIC THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED SHORTLY. BOTH SIDES, HE NOTED, HAD SIGNED THE MINUTES OF THE ATHENS MEETING, THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1068 THT THE GREEKS AND TURKS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON ANY JOINT ISSUE. THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES HAD MET TOGETHER IN ATHENS AND HAD HAD FRANK CONVERSATIONS. THE FIR AGREEMENT, HE POINTED OUT, MEANT THAT A RESULTUION OF NATO-RELATED MILITARY PROBLEMS SUCH AS NADGE LINKS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

3. SOYLEMEZ ALSO NOTED THAT TWO SIMULTANEOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUES WOULD BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. ONE GROUP WOULD ATTEMPT TO PREPARE A "COMPROMISE" FOR SUBMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE; THE OTHER WOULD EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY

OF AN OUT OF COURT RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE.
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